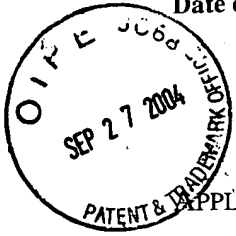


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This paper is in response to the May 27, 2004 Office Action in connection with the above-referenced application. Applicants also submit concurrently herewith: (1) a Petition for Extension of Time for one month, up to and including September 27, 2004, with the appropriate fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No. 502648 (CURA 85CIP2).

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